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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Market seasonally slow on whole turkeys with no trading reported. Offerings in a full range and held with varying degrees of confidence. Demand light to fair, mostly light on bulk meat items with the best interest noted on tom breast meat. Bulk meat trading heavy on fresh tom breast meat for December-January shipments at lower trending price levels, balance light. No bulk parts or rib breast trading reported.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a moderately light volume of tails, balance light. Demand light to fair with the best interest noted on product destined for Mexico for prompt shipments.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 19, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-69.5	69.5	69.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 19 DECEMBER 2000.

Trading generally slow due to the upcoming Christmas holiday. Severe winter weather hampering movement of product, however most activity taking place is conversation. Demand light to moderate, mostly light for both parts and meats. Export demand and trading limited as most buyers taking a wait and see attitude toward the market as offerings more than ample for current needs.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	96.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	26.32	44
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	23.18	34
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	20.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	23.70	124
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	27.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	43.00		43.00	12
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	12
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	152.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	157.00		157.00	40
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	71.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	113.00		113.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	141.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	154.50	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	60.00		60.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-20.00		18.80	200

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	19.33	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.50	312
TAILS		W	23.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	22.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00		78.00	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	81-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-83

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	88-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-129

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 DECEMBER 2000.

Trading continues light for the pre-holiday period. Severe winter weather in the Midwest still hampering movement of product. Parts and meats demand for domestic and export light to moderate, mostly light. Most buying remained seasonally slow as buyers taking a wait and see attitude. Heavy trading for fresh boneless skinless tom breast meat taking place for December thru January. Supplies for thigh meat, tom 2-joint wings and tom necks light to adequate with the balance of parts mixed.

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WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	43.00	12
NECKS, TOM		T	22.00	12
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	152.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	146.00-158.00		147.97	1,160
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	71.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	113.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	141.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	156.00		156.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	58.00		58.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	40

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DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00		23.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	23.00		23.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.50	312
TAILS	19.00		19.00	312
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	22.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	76.00		76.00	120

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/20/00

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY	ACCUMULATED HEAVY	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	
2000-2001	10,850	174,534	174,784
1999-2000	12,216	193,916	194,266

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